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SUBJECT: DISCRIMINATION IN BOYCOTT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM USDOC FOLLOWING BOYCOTT-RELATED REPORT WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE AND WHICH IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.
2. ON MAY 11, 1976, SYRIAN ISRAEL BOYCOTT OFFICE REQUESTED FROM GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION THROUGH SYRIAN FIRM IMPORT-EXPORT TRADING CO., SA, P.O. BOX 2304, DAMASCUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HAD BECOME A SHARE-UNCLASSIFIED

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HOLDER IN GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION. LETTER REQUESTS GM TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON AMOUNT OF SHARES OWNED BY AJC OUT OF TOTAL NETWORTH OF CORPORATION AND TO PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPRESENTING THE AJC ON THE GENERAL MOTORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. SUCH REQUESTS APPEAR CONTRARY TO THE ANNOUNCED GOS

POLICY THAT RELIGION OR CREED HAS NO PLACE IN THE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY USDOC REGULATIONS FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS CONCERNING RELIGION OR TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WITH EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS TO 1.) ASK BASIS FOR GOS (I.E. BOYCOTT OFFICE) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FIRMS' ASSOCIATION WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (I.E. AJC), 2.) REQUEST THAT GOS HALT FURTHER ACTION ON OUTSTANDING REQUESTS (U.S. FIRMS ARE PROHIBITED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS FROM RESPONDING TO ANY BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS AS TO AFFILIATION OF FIRMS OR PERSONS WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS) AND 3.) SEEK ASSURANCES OF GOS ACTION TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS.

4. AJC IS A TAX EXEMPT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. SHOULD BOYCOTT OFFICE SEEK TO JUSTIFY ITS REQUESTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE AJC IS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARAB BOYCOTT, SUCH REQUESTS ARE STILL CONTRARY TO U.S. POLICY AND RAISE INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN TERMS OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND NON-RELIGIOUS PURPOSE OF REQUESTED ACTION.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED PURSUE THIS ISSUE AS MATTER OF PRIORITY CONCERN. FULL REPORTING ON GOS RESPONSE REQUESTED.

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